

New Equipment Training Team (NETT)

What is it?

The NETT is a group of experienced individuals with varying specialties for initial training on the maintenance and operation of new and modified equipment. A NETT can consist of military, government and contractor personnel, or a combination of each. Similarly, the NETT may use one or more for a combination of the following techniques:

- **Leader Training.** Training provided to selected unit leaders from the user MACOM that, depending upon the complexity and density of equipment, and availability of training facilities, will train other personnel or units. This training may be conducted at a Material Developer (MATDEV) site or the installation receiving the equipment.
- **Key Personnel.** Training provided to a select number of key personnel responsible for operating and maintaining low-density systems. Training and cost effectiveness will dictate the number of locations where training will be conducted.
- **Organizational Training.** Training provided for personnel assembled for unit training at one location following Advanced Individual Training (AIT). This training can be conducted at a selected station or at the training base and, thereafter, integrated into unit training.
- **Total Unit Training.** Training provided to all assigned operators and maintainers of a gaining unit for complex equipment that is critical to unit readiness. This is the least desirable strategy because it requires a large NETT for an extended period.

What has Army Aviation done?

The NET manager coordinates for all training support components through Program Executive Office (PEO) Aviation and the Program Manager (PM) to be available to support NET, to include components required to train the NETT before NET, to train unit operators/maintainers during NET, and for unit leaders to conduct Sustainment Training (ST) after NET. To the extent practical, NET training and training support are based on ST strategies developed by the Training Developer (TNGDEV). For ST, the PM funds, develops, and provides training support for operating and maintaining the system. For ST, the TNGDEV provides training support for unit employment of the system. The Net managers will ensure that NET provides unit leaders with training on how to best use ST training support. The NET manager will evaluate training development and provide a list of required support equipment to the PEO or PM before Defense Acquisition Milestone Decision Review (MDR), Milestones II and III, or type classification Milestone II or III (confusing as well—what are these milestones? Are they even important to get the meaning across?). Review and evaluate the TSP semiannually to ensure that it will satisfy training goals and objectives and provide a quality training program. In accordance with the approved MRD and approved Program Baseline, MATDEV, in coordination with the proponent and gaining MACOM, will program and budget for the development of system training support for operators and maintainers.

What continued efforts does Army Aviation have planned for the future?

Army Aviation is working in concert with our sister services to develop concepts that will support the Future Force by developing the Joint Future Theater Lift (JFTL) and Joint Multi-Role (JMR) Helicopter programs. As Army Aviation continues to transform and modernize our force, NETT will continue to support training on all future systems as part

of the acquisition process to ensure we provide safe and combat ready Soldiers, aircraft, and support equipment for present and future missions.

Why is this important to the Army and Army Aviation?

As recent events around the world have illustrated, Army Aviation continues to be a relevant and responsive member of the joint force's response to full-spectrum military operations -- from homeland defense and disaster relief, to peace enforcement and combat operations in support of Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO). To sustain this critical support to the Warfighter and our Nation, Army Aviation must continue to transform, modernize and station its units to maintain a modular, sustainable, deployable, and lethal force that can execute the full range of mission sets stateside and abroad.

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